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In re Patent Application of)

AMMON et al)

Application No.: 09/011,977)

Filed: June 15, 1998)

For: USE OF BOSWELLIC ACID AND)
ITS DERIVATIVES FOR)
INHIBITING NORMAL AND)
INCREASED LEUCOCYTIC)
ELASTASE OR PLASMIN)
ACTIVITY)

Group Art Unit: 1623

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on April 17, 2002, applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 10 and 17 as follows:

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10. (Four Times Amended) A method for combating diseases selected from the group consisting of pulmonary emphysema, acute respiratory distress syndrome, shock lung, cystic fibrosis (mucoviscidosis), chronic bronchitis, glomerulonephritis and rheumatoid arthritis, which are caused by increased leucocytic elastase or plasmin activity or can be treated by the inhibition of normal leucocytic elastase or plasmin activity, said